

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS

RESOLUTION NO. R-16-05Amended

Introduced by Alderman Hammond
Alderman Tolliver
Alderman Cordle
Alderman Fox
Alderman Cohen

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY			
First Reader:	Public Hearing:	Fiscal Impact Note:	120 Day Rule:
4/11/05			
Referred to:	Meeting Date:	Action Taken:	
Planning Commission			
Ad hoc committee	On-going		

A RESOLUTION concerning

Annexation Moratorium

FOR the purpose of establishing a moratorium on the City's ~~annexation of land development of recently annexed land~~, pending the adoption by the Annapolis City Council of ~~policies to guide annexation decisions~~ policies and guidelines addressing and imposing adequacy of public facilities test on new development; and all matters relating to said moratorium.

WHEREAS, since 1991, the City has annexed 263 acres and has under consideration the annexation of an additional 92 acres; and

WHEREAS, the annexations and pending annexations allow a total of 1,540 new residential units; and

WHEREAS, such growth potentially challenges the City's infrastructure and its public services, including public safety services; and

WHEREAS, Anne Arundel County during the same time has approved significant growth, both residential and commercial, at the City's borders, creating additional stress; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in 1998, the City Council adopted the Annapolis Comprehensive Plan,
2 which recommends in part a moratorium on City annexation until a
3 cooperative body composed of City and County representatives is
4 established; and
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6 **WHEREAS**, the Plan further recommends that the City establish policies to define land
7 use, transportation, and other conditions under which land would be
8 annexed to the City, especially in the Forest Drive corridor; and
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10 ~~**WHEREAS**, the City Council is concerned that annexation decisions made without such~~
11 ~~careful and coordinated policy and rationale may compromise the quality of~~
12 ~~life in Annapolis;~~
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14 ~~**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** there is~~
15 ~~a moratorium on annexation of land into the City of Annapolis, that this moratorium will~~
16 ~~apply to any petitions for annexation which have not been introduced on first reader by~~
17 ~~the City Council as of March 14, 2005; that the City Council will convene meetings or a~~
18 ~~process to involve City and County officials to consider policies to govern growth and~~
19 ~~annexation; and that the moratorium will continue until the City Council adopts through a~~
20 ~~legislative act policies or guidelines to govern future annexations into the City of~~
21 ~~Annapolis;~~
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23 **WHEREAS**, Annapolis recognizes the importance of controlling development in its
24 vicinity to ensure that new development occurs in a manner respectful of
25 the convenience and general welfare of citizens of Annapolis and the
26 surrounding areas; and
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28 **WHEREAS**, It is post-annexation development, not annexation itself, that creates the
29 growth-related impacts of such concern to citizens in Annapolis and the
30 surrounding areas; and
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32 **WHEREAS**, the City Council recognizes the importance of striking a balance between
33 controlling development through annexation and ensuring that municipal
34 services are adequate; and
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36 **WHEREAS**, the City Council is concerned that post-annexation development decisions
37 made without careful and coordinated policy and rationale may
38 compromise the quality of life in Annapolis and the surrounding areas;
39 (this whereas is amended from the existing last whereas in the resolution).
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41 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that
42 there is a moratorium on the processing of development applications on land annexed

1 comprising of parcels of one acre or more into the City of Annapolis after March 14,
2 2005; that the City Council will convene meetings or develop a process to involve City
3 and County officials to consider policies to govern growth and development in the
4 Annapolis Neck; that the moratorium will continue until the City Council adopts through
5 a legislative act policies and guidelines addressing the adequacy of public facilities and
6 imposing adequacy of public facilities tests on new development; and that such
7 legislation should include but not be limited to impacts upon traffic, roads, public utilities,
8 emergency response services, schools, recreation and parks, the environment, and
9 stormwater management.

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11 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY** this resolution shall
12 become effective on the date of its adoption by the City Council.
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15 **ADOPTED** this _____ day of _____, 2005.
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19 **ATTEST:**
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THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL

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23 **Deborah Heinbuch, MMC**
24 **City Clerk**

BY: _____
ELLEN O. MOYER, MAYOR